

Meeting called to order by Mr. Parker at 7:30 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Minutes of March 20<sup>th</sup> 2007 approved with an addition to the Pandemic discussion.

#### Menemsha Harbor

Pilings - Harbor Master Dennis Jason presented a request for the Selectmen to approve awarding a contract to the second lowest quote. He said that the lowest quote required a 40 day notice to proceed and that the second lowest quote was a contractor that was ready to proceed immediately and did good quality work.

Mr. Fenner questioned the 20% cost difference. There was discussion. Mr. Fenner asked Mr. Jason to make sure that future quotes be clearer. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to award the contract to Cuttyhunk Marine on the condition the work is done by May 1<sup>st</sup>. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Paving West Dock - Mr. Carroll reported that the quote to pave the disturbed portion of the West Dock parking lot was \$6,000 - \$7,000 under the Quad Town Paving Contract with White-Lynch.

Railing for West Dock - Mr. Jason reported that the cost to install the same railing as is on the Basin Road Bridge, as recommended by Harbor Advisory Committee, was estimated at \$20,000 - \$30,000 by a vendor. Mr. Carroll reported that he had spoken to Bartlett Consolidated and White-Lynch for quotes to re-install parking bumpers similar to what was removed during the re-sheathing project. The Selectmen agreed to pursue wood bumpers. Mr. Fenner suggested erecting "tennis nets" the length of the parking lot. It was discussed that a conduit runs the length of the parking lot in the area the bumpers would be installed. It was agreed that the posts should be dug and set in concrete rather than driven.

West Dock Electrical - The board reviewed the quote for new electrical service received from Powers Electric. Mr. Carroll said that the cost of the project required that it be put out to bid. The board agreed to install a telephone pole on the drive-on dock before the lot is paved for the purpose of installing a future transformer.

#### Administrative Assistant

The Selectmen interviewed Christina Soulagnet for the Admin.Asst. position assigned to the Planning Board and Housing Committee. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to appoint Christina Soulagnet as an Administrative Assistant starting on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2007. SO VOTED: Three ayes.

#### Menemsha Traffic & Parking

Mr. Carroll reported that he, the Police Chief and Superintendent of Streets would be in Menemsha at 11 am on Thursday to discuss traffic controls and parking signage.

#### Standard & Poor's

Melanie Becker reviewed the Fiscal Management Assessment interview we had last week.

#### Cape Cod Municipal Health Group

The Selectmen agreed to participate in the Walking Challenge and to authorize employees to attend the benefit explanation meetings on town time Thursday.

### Comfort Station

Mr. Carroll reported that the Board of Health was concerned that not enough was being done to conserve water at the Comfort Station in Menemsha. The Selectmen agreed to install water saving shower heads, spring loaded faucets and confirm that all the toilets were 1.6 gallon lo-flow toilets.

### Brush Breaker Fire Engine

Two Invitation For Bids were advertised in the Goods & Services Bulletin of the Secretary of State and the MV Times for a cab & chassis and for the fabrication of a new Brush Breaker. The bid deadlines are 4:30 PM Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> 2007.

### Congressman Delahunt

Mr. Parker reported that the special act of congress needed to de-authorize a section of Menemsha Harbor will not be approved for this summer and will be refiled by Congressman Delahunt in the next session of congress.

### Distributed Antenna System

Mr. Fenner reported that last week one of the potential vendors conducted signal propagation tests from 40 different locations over four days using a bucket truck to reach 40 feet above the ground. The vendor will be coming back to finish the survey in a few weeks. This information will be used to analyze future potential cell service. Mr. Fenner said that the DAS would include a number of 6 to 7 foot antennas on top of utility poles along the road.

Mr. Fenner said that a Memorandum of Understanding between the Up Island towns to pursue cellular telephone service for the towns is needed. He said Mr. Rappaport was drafting that MOU.

Mr. Fenner discussed the drafting of a Request For Proposals with the help of a consultant for the three towns. He estimated the cost at \$8,610. Mr. Doty said that this was an important issue to our voters and we should move forward. The board agreed to move forward and to get a MOU.

### Ron Rappaport

Mr. Rappaport filed a letter with the Selectmen on the advice of the state Ethics Commission regarding a potential conflict of interest regarding any advice he might give on the regional school funding formula changes. He represents five of the six island towns. If he has permission of all five to respond to questions at town meeting on this issue and if he does not charge for the service, he is not in conflict. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to authorize Mr. Rappaport to represent the town under the conditions recommended by the State Ethics Commission. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

### Middle Line Road

Mr. Doty presented a letter of agreement with David Handlin's firm, Handlin, Garrahan, Zachos & Associates, for his architectural services on the Middle Line Road Affordable Housing project. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to authorize Mr. Doty to sign the agreement. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Doty presented a contract and an addendum for the services being provided by Vineyard Land Surveying for the Middle Line Road project. There were two phases. Phase 1 was \$35,000 for permitting related work and Phase 2 was \$25,000 for construction related work. The town has spent \$13,500 to date with a remainder of \$46,500. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to approve the contract with Vineyard Land Surveying pending the approval of the form by Town Counsel. SO VOTED: Three Ayes. The board signed the contract.

### School Issues

Mr. Doty discussed the recommendation of the West Tisbury Finance Committee for their town to withdraw from the Up Island Regional School District again. Mr. Doty said that Chilmark is not going to close the Chilmark School. Mr. Parker said that the board was solidly in favor of keeping the Chilmark Elementary School open. Mr. Fenner agreed that the town would not close the Chilmark School.

#### Massachusetts Municipal Association

Mr. Fenner asked Mr. Carroll to contact our school committee member and ask if the board of Selectmen should write in support of House One. Mr. Parker said that the state was doing something very detrimental to regional schools by requiring the new school allocation formula.

#### Cable TV Franchise

Mr. Fenner said that Verizon has not called him back with answers to his questions regarding DSL or the loss of local control if the new state law is passed. He said that it might not be in the best interests of the community for this new legislation to be adopted. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to draft a letter in opposition to House 1298. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Parker asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition and to not return to regular session. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded the motion. Fenner - AYE Doty - AYE Parker - AYE

Meeting closed at 8:55 PM

Executive Session opened at 9:02 PM

Executive Session continued to 12 Noon April 4<sup>th</sup> 2007 at 9:57 PM.

Executive Session opened at 12:00 PM on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2007 in Conference Room # 1 of the Town Hall. Riggs Parker, Frank Fenner, Ron Rappaport, Lenny Jason Jr and Tim Carroll present.

Executive Session closed and meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2007.